

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Examine the
Commission's Future Energy Efficiency Policies,
Administration and Programs.

Rulemaking 01-08-028
(Filed August 23, 2001)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING GRANTING
EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE PROGRAM ADVISORY GROUP**

On March 13, 2006, I received a letter from San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and Southern California Gas Company (collectively the Joint Utilities), requesting an extension until September 1, 2006 for the first annual report prepared by the Joint Utilities' individual Program Advisory Groups (PAGs).

Ordering Paragraph 11 of Decision (D.) 05-01-055 states:

The Program Advisory Groups established in today's decision shall provide an annual, joint report to Energy Division with recommendations on how the IOUs can improve their effectiveness as administrators in managing the portfolio of programs, including how the program selection process could be improved to better meet the Commission's procurement goals. The first joint report shall be submitted to Energy Division no later than March 15, 2006, and annually thereafter unless otherwise directed by the Assigned Commissioner. The Energy Division, in consultation with the Assigned Commissioner and assigned ALJ, may serve the reports on the parties, issue them for comment, or take other steps as appropriate with the information.

Joint Utilities believe that an extension of time for the first annual report is needed because there is insufficient information available to the PAGs at this time to be able to prepare a meaningful assessment of and report on the Joint Utilities effectiveness in administering the portfolio of 2006-2008 energy efficiency programs. This is because the Joint Utilities' compliance filings are currently pending Commission approval, and therefore the programs currently in the field are utility programs that were approved in D.05-09-043 and/or certain programs from the 2004-2005 cycle approved for continuation. Energy Division concurs with this assessment, and the utility PAG members have no objections to the proposed September 1, 2006 due date.

I note that a permanent change to the due date for the annual report would need to be approved by the Assigned Commissioner, pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 11. However, this request is for a one-time extension to the first annual report, which I have authority to grant pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 16: "The Assigned Commissioner or ALJ may, for good cause, modify the due dates established by this decision."

I find that there is good cause to modify the due date of this first annual PAG report, for the reasons outlined in Joint Utilities' letter.

Accordingly, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. The first annual joint report to be prepared by the Program Advisory Groups pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 11 of Decision 05-01-055 shall be due no later than September 1, 2006.

2. Unless otherwise directed by the Assigned Commissioner, the second joint report shall be due March 15, 2007 and annually thereafter.

Dated March 15, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MEG GOTTSTEIN by
JANET A. ECONOME

Meg Gottstein
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting Extension of Time to Submit First Annual Report of the Program Advisory Group on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 15, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELVIRA NIZ

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